

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 290 – SB 1155

March 1, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reestablishes the TennCare Advisory Commission consisting of 15 members who should reflect the broad impact that the TennCare program has on the state of Tennessee. Requires the Commission to review the health care operations including, but not limited to, cost-management analysis, benefits, enrollment, eligibility, costs, and performance of the TennCare program and to make recommendations to the Governor regarding cost-containment strategies and cost-effective program improvements annually. Requires the review of the TennCare program to include the holding of public hearings on any proposed amendment to any federal waiver governing the provision of medical assistance under Title 71, and attention to behavioral health services and the Long Term Care Community Choices Act of 2008. Prohibits the submission of any amendment to any federal waiver governing the provision of medical assistance under Title 71 to any agency of the federal government unless the Commission has been afforded 30 days in which to hold a public hearing on the proposed waiver before submission. Any waiver failing to receive the opportunity to hold such public hearing before submission to an agency of the federal government shall be void and of no effect. Members will not receive compensation for their services on the Commission but can be reimbursed for travel expenses. Adds the Commission to the sunset cycle provisions under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, thereby creating a termination date for the Commission of June 30, 2019.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,900/Each One-Day Meeting

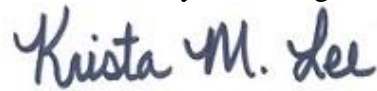
Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 673 of Public Acts of 2004 created the TennCare Advisory Commission.
- Based on information from the Bureau of TennCare, the TennCare Advisory Commission never convened; therefore, no expenditures were incurred relative to operation of the Commission.
- The Department of Finance and Administration can accommodate any administrative functions associated with the Commission within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Commission will consist of 15 members who will reflect the broad impact that the TennCare program has on the state.

- The provisions of the proposed legislation prohibit Commission members from receiving compensation, but allow reimbursement for travel expenses. Travel expenses will equal \$1,847 (\$0.47 per mile x 262 miles roundtrip x 15 members) for each one-day meeting of the TennCare Advisory Commission.
- The Comptroller of the Treasury, the Division of Audit, will accommodate any additional auditing responsibilities as a result of the addition of the Council to the statutory sunset provisions utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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